



**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Fran Gillett
Anthony J. Lipinski
Peter J. Lund
Timothy M. Malone
Betty Slinde

Excused:

Dolores Thomas, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn of Macomb County Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Ass't Corporation Counsel; Stephen Cassin, Gerald Santoro and Camille Silda of Planning

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PARKS &
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2005.
MOTION CARRIED.**

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported the budget is in good shape, ground rentals, concessions and parking monies are coming in as budgeted.

Commissioner Bucci inquired if payments for the hall are on track. Mr. Casasanta responded he spoke with Finance and there is another payment not reflected yet on the budget printout.



MOTION BY BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY GILLETT WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced thank you letters to Dave Humbyrd for his participation with the Older American Festival and a letter to President Perna for his donation of a television for the Older American Festival raffle. Also mentioned was correspondence relative to James Beatty's retirement from the County Park.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph A. Liberato Building Plaque

Camille Silda from Planning presented the revised version of the plaque and asked for approval to proceed with this project. Discussion ensued.

The Commission requested the font at the bottom line be made smaller than his name and revise the Democratic Chairman date of 1964 with 1962.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY GILLETT TO APPROVE THE PLAQUE DESIGN WITH THE TWO RECENT CHANGES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Freedom Hill County Park Master Plan

Mr. Cassin of Planning and Economic Development spoke to the Commission on how he and his office can provide assistance on a design master plan detailing Freedom Hill County Park and incorporate it in the 2002 five-year Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Master Plan that needs to be updated by 2006.

Discussion ensued.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO TO HAVE THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR ALONG WITH ASSISTANCE BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH UPDATING THE 2002 MASTER COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

Urban and Community Forestry Grant Application

Mr. Casasanta submitted to the State an application for \$5,526 50/50 grant for tree planting and hopes to receive this grant in the fall. The grant will be used to replace about 14 trees that were removed due to the emerald ash borer. Monies for our share will come from the grounds care line item.

The grant includes covering the cost of trees, as well as, a maintenance plan for planting and maintaining the trees.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY GILLETT APPROVING THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Macomb Orchard Trail Paver Project

Gerald Santoro of Planning & Economic Development made a presentation on this project. The County received a donation of \$50,000 from Janice Ross resident of Washington Township for the development of a park in memory of her parents Nora H. & Stanley E. Ross. The park would be developed where the Hike and Bike Trail crosses at West Road (26 ½ Mile Road by Old Van Dyke). This particular location was chosen because it matched the site mentioned in the Master Plan. Mr. Santoro passed out sight plans for the plaque, preliminary construction and design concept. The \$50,000 donation will go toward the shelter, restrooms, pavers, and sign boards. The County is looking to receive donations for trees and for excavating equipment, as well as, labor for the paver project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI TO DONATE LABOR ON THE PAVER PROJECT AS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDED BY MR. SANTORO OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MR. CASASANTA, PARK ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY GILLETT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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